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REF: A) GENEVA 3080 (NOTAL); B) STATE 93357 (NOTAL)

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1. WE WISH TO STRESS AGAIN THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF
PARTICIPATION WHICH IS AT ISSUE HERE IS AN IMPORTANT
COMPONENT OF OUR POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND ONE WHICH IMPINGES ON BROADER POLICY ISSUES RELATING
TO THE MIDDLE EAST. FOR THIS REASON, WE FEEL THAT THE
RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION BY MEDITERRANEAN STATES NOT
MEMBERS OF ECE (INCLUDING ISRAEL) MUST BE STATED

EXPLICITLY (E.G. AS IN REF B), AND NOT LEFT TO RECOURSE TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, A SITUATION WHICH WOULD, IN EFFECT, PLACE THE BURDEN OF EXTENDING PARTICIPATION ON THOSE STATES WHICH ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE, RATHER THAN ON THOSE WHO SEEK TO LIMIT PARTICIPATION.

2. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE TELL THE UK AND THE EC-9 THAT, BECAUSE WE CONSIDER THIS AN IMPORTANT POLICY PRINCIPLE, WE NEED A MORE EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION. YOU MAY ACCEPT REINSERTION OF LANGUAGE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND SUGGEST FOLLOWING COMPROMISE

LANGUAGE IN NEW PARA SEVEN: "AGREES THAT, IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DECISION AND/OR IN EXERCISE OF THE COMMISSION'S PREROGATIVES UNDER PARA ELEVEN OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, ALL MEDITERRANEAN STATES NOT MEMBERS OF ECE SHALL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ON AN EQUAL BASIS."

3. IF EVEN THIS COMPROMISE IS UNACCEPTABLE, THEN WE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN A CONSENSUS AND IT WOULD BE BEST IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO AVERT A VOTE ON THE ISSUE. IF ISSUE NONETHELESS COMES TO VOTE, YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN AND MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR RECORD: "IT IS OUR FIRM UNDERSTANDING THAT UNDER PARA ELEVEN OF THE ECE RULES OF PROCEDURE, AND IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS DECISION, ALL MEDITERRANEAN STATES NOT MEMBERS OF ECE ARE GUARANTEED EQUAL PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS IN DISCUSSIONS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND SHALL BE INVITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH MEETINGS CONVENED SUBJECT TO THIS DECISION. WE WOULD HAVE VOTED IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION IF THIS GUARANTEE OF EQUAL PARTICIPATION HAD BEEN STATED EXPLICITLY." YOU SHOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE OTHER DELS TO MAKE SIMILAR STATEMENT, INTERPRETING RESOLUTION AS MAKING IMPLICIT PROVISION FOR PARTICIPATION OF ALL MEDITERRANEAN STATES.

4. IN ANY EVENT, YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL THE UK THAT, ALTHOUGH WE CONSIDER THIS AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE, WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PROVOKING DISCORD, EITHER WITHIN THE WESTERN CAUCUS OR IN THE MEETING AS A WHOLE.
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